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Docket No AB-1102X

REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION IN PUBLIC USE CONDITION AND TRAIL USE

May 3, 2013

Ms Cynthia T Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

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Dear Ms Brown

On Nov 7, the Branch Area Bike Association was granted 'Railbanking' of the nearly 20 miles of railroad between Coldwater in Branch County, Michigan and Sturgis in St. Joseph County, Michigan. This letter is to request a 180 day extension of time to continue organizing as a group as well as negotiations with The Indiana Northeastern Railroad Company.

In the last six months the Branch Area Bike Association has sought out 'friends' of the trail, communications with the community regarding the proposed trail, and the submission of articles of incorporation for The Friends of the Tamarack Rail Trail.

By my signature below, I certify that on November 3, 2013, I served a copy of this Request Statement by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the following.

The Indiana Northeastern Railroad Company Attn. Mr. Gale Schultz, Owner 7570 South 790 East, PO Box 123 South Milford IN 46786

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And the legal counsel of the Indiana Northeastern Railroad Company Mr. Carl M. Miller Miller & Harants
618 Professional Park Dr., PO Box 332
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Thank you for your consideration of this petition.

Respectfully Submitted-

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